

INTERESTING FROM NEW MEXICO.

THE GRIEVANCES OF THE PEOPLE.

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS.

We have received advice by the last mail from Santa Fe to the 1st of April. Our previous articles were to the 17th of March.

(From the Ohio State Journal.)
SANTA FE, N. M., March 31, 1892.
My dear Sir:—The people of Santa Fe have made the quickest trip on record, having come from Independence in 22 days.

The party that went to the Gila, for gold, has returned, having met with poor success. On the Apache Indians, also returned, not having been able to catch a single Indian. It is impossible for our heavy dragoons, mounted on poor horses, to keep up with Indians on their feet.

The Indians are all determined to have very well, and none but the Coyotes (Southern Apaches) are at war. If any of your medical friends with a situation in a pleasant spot, I know of a case—occurred by the following circumstances:—One of the Indians on the San Juan river was taken sick, and an Indian doctor from the Rio Verde was called in to attend him. Owing to the strength of the disease, or to the weakness of the prescrip- tion, the doctor died, and he was buried. After the funeral, the doctor was taken up, and his wife's hair was cut off; his house burned containing all his property, and all his animals killed. The Indians are now all well, and the doctor's wife is yet unwell.

In looking over the papers by the last mail, I see much said about the gold mines of New Mexico, which may lead people to believe there are many in the country. I have only one to believe, that the old mine worked—the old mine placed, about five miles south of Santa Fe—which would pay well for working if there was water sufficient for washing. There are at present about fifty hands em- ployed working them, and they average about \$1 50 per day.

I have seen several ounces of quicksilver in its pure state, which had been picked up by a quill of the ground, about sixty-five miles north of Santa Fe. But few towns in San Juan county are mining, and without a heavy capital the business will not pay.

Governor Calhoun leaves for the States in a few days. He has been seriously ill with the cholera, and doubts exist as to whether he will ever reach the States alive. Secretary Allen also leaves here for the States, on account of sickness in his family. Then who should be governor? Who? tell me.

The people are all busy sowing their wheat, cutting out their acacias, and getting ready their lands to plant corn. There is but little snow on the mountains, and fears are entertained that the crop will fall short of the usual amount of interest, I believe. Yours, &c. J. GREINER.

At a meeting of the citizens of Santa Fe, New Mexico, held at the New Exchange, on Tuesday, 30th March, 1892, Hon. Hugh N. Smith, was chosen President; Wm. H. Smith, Secretary; and W. E. Jones, Assistant Secretary.

Mr. SMITH stated, that the object of the meeting was to take into consideration the present deplora- ble condition of the Territory of New Mexico, and the defenseless situation in which it is placed.

Mr. C. H. MERRITT proposed the following memorial, which on motion of Mr. J. E. GARY, was adopted:—

MEMORIAL.
Your memorialists, citizens of the county of Santa Fe, in the Territory of New Mexico, respectfully re- present,

That the citizens of this territory feel it to be a solemn duty to invoke the attention of Congress to the suffering, distressed, and im- proved condition of the territory at the present time. The members of your honorable bodies are the only ones who can protect the rights of the people, and it is their duty to do so.

That since the territory was ceded to the United States, there has hardly been a moment during which its inhabitants have been spared from the hostilities of some one of the Indian tribes by whom they are surrounded. But none of those whom we now ad- dress have any adequate means of defense, and these hostilities have proceeded, or the many calamities and miseries which they have inflicted on the country.

The recent census returns will show you the loss of property from this territory in a short period before these returns were made up. Since then these losses have been greatly increased. To this loss of property must be added the lamentable loss of life, and the captivity of women and children, carrying terror to whole communities, and distress and desolation into the bosoms of hundreds of families.

The recent outbreak of the Apaches, attended as it has been by numerous bold acts of robbery and murder, and a state of anarchy throughout the southern half of the territory which has never been exceeded. These marauders have been, and still continue, pillaging on the whole line of the Rio Grande, from the mouth of the Colorado to the Gulf of Mexico. They have already murdered since the 1st of November last, twenty-seven persons, and carried off an amount of stock which, considering the im- proved condition of the country, is a heavy drain upon the resources of the Territory.

They boldly enter the smaller towns, compel the inhabitants to take refuge in their houses, and then deliberately drive off their flocks and herds before their eyes. Travelling from town to town has become extremely dangerous, and no one can venture abroad unless they are well armed and accompanied. In the short, great high road of the country, in the thickest settlements, is, at this moment, as unsafe as the remotest track of a frontier. A range of hostile Indians. What effects such a state of alarm, are busy in preparing defenses, or in watching for the stealthy foe, upon whose movements there is no calculating.

In the face of such misfortunes, the poor people of this country are unable to support their families and succor. The protection they need, and for which they do not suffice of themselves, cannot be afforded them by the United States troops now here. The efficiency of these troops, supporting them here, is the most efficient of any in the world. It has been greatly impaired. It is no exaggeration to say, that two-thirds of the dragoons are without horses, and the horses of the other third are well nigh un- serviceable. These invaders would be more prop- erly than that which look to the support of the war- fare with Indians, unless their pursuers are well mounted.

Recently, Major Howe was sent out to "relieve Fort Webster" from the Indians. It is understood that he saw some of the Indians, and was killed, and it is also understood that he "relieved Fort Webster." The relief at Fort Webster con- tributes, however, by very little, if any, to the relief of the inhabitants of New Mexico. Indeed, it is not believed that any of the Indians expected from the United States troops acting alone.

Under these circumstances, your memorialists would respectfully suggest that, while the regular troops are occupied in garrisoning posts in the Indian country, there should be a detachment of volunteers, of a different description from the men en- listed in the regular service. It is possible that such a force could be raised in this territory. It could consist of the services of men inured to nomad life, and Indian warfare, and certain that, if such a force can be raised in the frontier States and this territory, well armed and equipped, it would, in a short time, tell with effect upon our savage in- vaders. Those invaders would be trailed to their lairs, and there punished as they deserved. All savages require only to be punished by civilized man before they can fully understand that civilized generosity is not simplicity, and civilized humanity is not fear. A small force of men, well equipped, would be exemplary in its character—it would be the surest way, in the long run, of sparing every Indian blood, and the only mode of laying the foundation of permanent peace with these tribes. Before exemplary punishment is given, you shall hear again with them.

Entertaining these views, we most respectfully request that Congress will turn its attention to the unhappy condition of this Territory, and, considering not only the character of its population, but the solemn pledges of the government, it is bound to protect.

And as in duty bound, your memorialists will ever remain, Sir, your obedient servants.

Mr. P. BECK, Jr., moved that the above memorial be translated into Spanish, and circulated among the Indian population for signatures; that the President appoint a committee of seven to circulate the memorial, and obtain facts in regard to the present condition of affairs in the territory, and insert such facts in the Spanish translation of same. Adopted.

Messrs. P. Beck, Jr., J. Webb, J. E. Gary, Luciano Vigil, Thomas Ortiz, J. W. Austin, and Francisco Ortiz y Delgado, were appointed for said committee.

Mr. GARY moved that copies of the memorial be forwarded to the Hon. John S. Phelps and the Hon. S. A. Douglas, to be by them presented to Congress.

Mr. MERRITT moved that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Santa Fe Gazette, and that a copy be forwarded to the New York Herald and National Enquirer, with a request that they would copy the same.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned *sine die*.

HUGH N. SMITH, President.
J. S. GIBSON, Jr., Vice President.
W. E. JONES, Secretary.
W. H. SMITH, Assistant Secretary.

Arrival of the Empire City.

THE EXHIBITION TO EQUADOR—ITS EFFECT IN NEW CANADA—NEWS FROM NICARAGUA—THE RIOT AT CHAGRES—INTERESTING COMMERCIAL NEWS FROM CUBA.

The steamship Empire City, Capt. Leeds, arrived yesterday morning from New Orleans and Havana. She left the latter port on the 29th ult., and was four days and five hours on the passage.

The purser of the Empire City, Mr. E. W. Hall, supplied us, as usual, with the latest news. We are also indebted to Dr. G. Grant of Panama, a passenger, by the Empire City, for some interesting intelligence.

The Panama Herald of the 20th ult., says:—Just received from Hon. C. Cushing of the U. S. Charge d'Affaires to Ecuador, by A. B. Corwin, Esq., U. S. Consul at that port. Mr. Cushing writes that the regular troops now employed at Guayaquil amount to 1,800 strong, and that they are all well drilled and disciplined. The whole number of the government troops amounts to upwards of 4,000, and they are all determined to have very well, and none but the Coyotes (Southern Apaches) are at war. If any of your medical friends with a situation in a pleasant spot, I know of a case—occurred by the following circumstances:—One of the Indians on the San Juan river was taken sick, and an Indian doctor from the Rio Verde was called in to attend him. Owing to the strength of the disease, or to the weakness of the prescrip- tion, the doctor died, and he was buried. After the funeral, the doctor was taken up, and his wife's hair was cut off; his house burned containing all his property, and all his animals killed. The Indians are now all well, and the doctor's wife is yet unwell.

The feeling in Panama, among the foreign residents and with a large number of native, was with the hope that General Flores may be successful. Should this be the case, it is supposed that he will turn his attention to Panama, where he would find many within the walls stimulated by the hope of acquiring the treasury of Granada who would make conquest almost certain. Flores has already his secret agent in that city, and a combination is already about being consummated, of young and vigorous men, to aid him. Panama is the key to the whole republic, which, when conquered, will open to the ambition of the victors the treasures accumulated for a century, of the whole country.

The Panama railroad has been progressing rapidly. It is now finished to San Pablo, distant from Gorgona about five and a half miles; but here it will be arrested for a time, as a bridge has to be constructed, which will require time.

The intelligence from Bogota is the resignation of Gen. Herrera, Governor of Panama, and his departure for Pasto, an extreme southern province. He has gone to command the national forces there, for the suppression of the revolution which still exists in that province. The revolution broke out in July last; and while every other part of the republic has yielded to authority, this province, which is not worth to the government thirty reales, is costing yearly a million of dollars, is still unsubdued.

We have news from Nicaragua to the 25th ult., by the U. S. S. steamer Philadelphia, which touched at San Juan del Norte. The U. S. S. ship of war Decatur was at that port.

At San Juan del Sur there were about 700 passengers waiting. The Monumental City and the Pacific were in port. The former was to take 400 of them by charter, but the Pacific would not sail until an extra lot of passengers arrived.

Our files of *El Diario de la Marina* and *Gaceta de la Havana* are to the 29th of April.

The political news is of little importance, and embraces only intelligence from the European continent, and several documents of the newly appointed Governor General, Canedo, on local matters, which are not of any consequence to us.

The most perfect tranquillity continued in the island, but fears were entertained of another expedition, mentioned by some correspondents from Cuba.

We are indebted to a respectable house in this city for the following letter from Havana, containing late commercial news:—

HAVANA, April 28, 1892.

We had this pleasure to receive, in the first place, when your esteemed favor of the 28th inst. came duly to hand, and has our best thanks for its interesting contents. The sugar market has continued very active, and with a brisk demand for all sorts of sugar, and the selling at 14 to 15 cents per pound, and the prospect of declining hereafter. The estimates about a short crop are still increasing. Several estates have finished grinding, yielding from twenty to forty per cent less than last year; and can now safely be calculated that the deficiency in the crop will be at least 800,000 boxes. Already the reports show a considerable falling off as compared with last year, at the same period. Muscovado sugars are scarce, and good grades are selling at 14 to 15 cents per pound, and the prospect of declining hereafter. The estimates about a short crop are still increasing. 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